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WESTMINSTER POLICE AND WALMART KICK-OFF THEIR 2013

"SHOP WITH A COP" EFFORT

The Westminster Police Department, Westminster Wal-Mart and other sponsors will be seeking donations for the "Shop With A Cop" Angel Tree once again this year. The unveiling of the Angel Tree will take place on **November 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Westminster Wal-Mart**, located on Woodward Drive in Westminster, Maryland. The tree will be decorated with gift tags (paper angels); each bearing a description of a need identified by one of our 2013 "Shop With A Cop" families. Shoppers are asked to select an angel from the Angel Tree, purchase the identified gift, and leave the gift in the collection box within the store. These gifts will be collected, wrapped and presented to a "Shop With A Cop" family prior to the holidays.

This is the 10th year for the "Shop With A Cop" program here in Westminster. Local families experiencing economic hardships are often unable to provide their children with a holiday celebration. The "Shop With A Cop" program provides these deserving children with the means to shop with a member of the Westminster Police Department for gifts for their family members. The holiday "Shop With A Cop" event will take place on Saturday, December 7th at 8:00 a.m. at the Westminster Wal-Mart. The morning will begin with breakfast at McDonalds, shopping at Wal-Mart, and then the children will go to the Westminster Senior Center to wrap their gifts, have lunch with their family, and enjoy a holiday party. Since the inception of the program in 2004, more than 202 children from 94 local families have participated in the program. **For additional information regarding the Angel Tree ceremony please contact Sergeant Keith Benfer, supervisor of the Community Education Section, at 410-857-9282.**

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